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I have the honour and pleasure to enclose a document drawn up by the Islamic Council of Europe.

We should be grateful if the Delegation representing your country at the forthcoming Madrid Conference would take up the question of Human Rights concerning the Muslim peoples in the USSR. As you will know, the number of people involved exceeds 50 million and their culture, language and way of life are threatened and endangered, in defiance of and against the spirit of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights and the accords reached at Helsinki.

It is essential that the rights of any minority are protected and it is our hope that your country will use the stage of the Madrid Conference to assert to the world this most fundamental of human needs.

With my highest esteem,

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